



GOVERNMENT DECREES RATIONING OF SHOES

Reds Battle Germans in Streets of Rostov

Russians Score New Successes In Major Drive

Also Report Advances on Three Other Important Fronts

Orel and Kursk Threatened with Gradual Encirclement

LONDON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Reuters reported today that the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet had heard the Moscow radio saying that "Russian troops crossed the Don today and violent street fighting is raging inside Rostov."

LONDON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Russian troops have stormed the gates of Rostov from the south, liquidating the last enemy center of resistance on the left bank of the Don, and scored important continuing successes on three other fronts, a special Moscow communique announced tonight.

Azov, on the Don, fifteen miles southwest of Rostov, fell in a decisive attack, thus liquidating the last center of resistance of the enemy on the left bank of the river Don," the communique, recorded here by the Soviet monitor, declared.

Even as the siege of the pivotal Caucasian city began, other Soviet columns captured Patezh, thirty-five miles northwest of Kursk, cutting the high road between Kursk and Orel, and stormed into Goshchikheva to slice the railroad line between Belgorod and Kursk.

The Russians also plunged 125 miles into the Ukraine, occupying Kramatorskaya, 125 miles northwest of Rostov, to straddle the vital railroad between Rostov and Kharkov.

Capture of Kramatorskaya put the Russians on three sides of the large railway center of Slavyansk. Kramatorskaya is only nine miles south of Slavyansk, while Barvenkova, twenty-seven miles west of Slavyansk, was captured yesterday.

The Russians thus were only a little over fifty miles north of the vast industrial Donets Basin in industrial city of Stalino.

The thrusts to Patezh and Goshchikheva, established Soviet spearheads between three major bases which the Germans have held since (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Rhineland Hit By RAF Bombs

Big Planes Also Drop Mines in Skagerrak Section

LONDON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Scattered targets in the Rhineland were attacked last night by RAF planes whose main mission was reconnaissance while the big bombers centered their attention on mining German-controlled waters—probably the Skagerrak, Baltic and French Channel coast.

A large number of mines was laid centering attention on the Allied campaign against the strained German transportation system. In daylight forays today over Northern France and Belgium, fighter planes damaged a number of locomotives and barges, the air ministry announced.

Four planes were lost in all operations, including one fighter in today's sweeps. Rail lines already are under sustained, persistent attack and the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Radar Is Called Most Dramatic New Weapon To Come Out of European War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Dr. Vannevar Bush of the Board of Economic Warfare said today that "radar," probably the most dramatic new weapon to come out of this war, lagged in development before the war because the profit motive was lacking.

Chalkley, head economic analyst of the BEW industrial division, made the assertion in a study prepared for the American Council of Public Affairs and issued by that private research group. He used radar as an example in his contention that the "profit economy" had not always been equal to the de-

NO WORD FROM HOUDINI



MRS. BEATRICE HOUDINI, widow of Harry Houdini, the famed magician who died in 1926, announces in a Hollywood interview that she has abandoned staging séances in an effort to communicate with her husband's spirit. Mrs. Houdini, who lives in Hollywood, staged séances each year on anniversary of his death.

No Income Tax Returns Needed Under New Plan

Proposal of Lawyer Provides for Payment from Income

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—When the actual writing of pay-as-you-go tax legislation begins, probably late this week, the House Ways and Means committee will consider a proposal to remove the necessity for millions of taxpayers ever again, after this year, to file federal income tax returns.

Their remittances would be made through current earnings deductions representing their exact tax obligations with no involved calculations on their part.

Arguments on the Ruml plan to cancel 1942 tax obligations overshadowed other phases of pay-as-you-go during the first week of public hearings. A majority of the twenty-five committeemen indicated opposition to all-out cancellation but definitely indicated a willingness to compromise by granting some abatement on last year's obligations. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Brazil Not at War With the Japanese

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Feb. 7 (AP)—Brazil joined the United Nations as a full partner in the war against Germany and Italy and announced her adherence to the Atlantic charter following a meeting yesterday of the entire cabinet with President Getulio Vargas.

The Associated Press, through faulty interpretation of a cable dispatch from Rio de Janeiro, reported incorrectly last night that Brazil's new status included a state of belligerency with Japan.

Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha said today: "Brazil's adherence to the Atlantic charter and the United Nations pact does not mean declaration of war on Japan. Our position is comparable with that of Soviet Russia in relation to Japan."

"We are not at war with Japan because we have not been attacked by Japan. But if tomorrow Japan attacks us, we will fight her immediately." (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Senators Look To Hoover for Advice on Army

Former President To Testify on Needs of Armed Services

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Senators determined to keep the size of the fighting forces in scale with the nation's ability to feed and supply them looked hopefully today for support from Herbert Hoover. The former president is to testify on the problem tomorrow before a Senate appropriations subcommittee.

"I think that whatever Mr. Hoover says will carry a great deal of weight throughout the country," said Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) of the subcommittee. "He studied the problem of supplies very thoroughly when he was food administrator in the last war. And he's not involved with the government now. Most of the testimony we have received so far has been from men who are taking orders from the government."

May Limit Appropriations

Senators Thomas, Bankhead (D-Ala.) and others, especially those from farm states, have been discussing the advisability of limiting appropriations to hold down the size of the army and navy. They contend it would be dangerous to put more men in uniform than the country could supply, and point to the necessity of maintaining at least some of the country's civilian economy.

The House Military committee likewise is considering a bill limiting the size of the army, along with another measure which would establish a rigid system of precedence for inducting men into the armed services—all single men first, then married with no dependents, followed by those with dependents.

Hoover heads a star-studded bill which Congress presents tomorrow. Secretary of Agriculture Wickard is to give his views on the manpower question to the Senate Military committee. Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of the Navy Knox and Chairman Land of the Maritime commission are to appear before the House Foreign Affairs committee in support of legislation continuing Lend-Lease authority.

Shortly after noon the Senate takes up the nomination of Wiley Blount Rutledge to be an associate justice of the supreme court, succeeding James F. Byrnes, with confirmation certain.

Curb On Expenditures

The House resumes debate tomorrow on the first appropriation bill of the session carrying funds for the treasury and post office departments with every indication that it will retain the amendment by Rep. Dirksen (R-Ill.) prohibiting the treasury from hiring any persons whose salaries may be withheld in subsequent legislation dealing with other departments.

This move followed a demand by Chairman Dies (D-Tex.) of the committee on un-American activities that certain government employees be called "radical bureaucrats" and "crackpots" be ousted by the withholding of their pay. In this connection President Roosevelt yesterday set up an inter-departmental committee to handle complaints of President Getulio Vargas.

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Roosevelt Asks O'Connor's Help In U. S. Planning

Says Vigorous Agencies Are Needed for Period after the War

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 7 (AP)—President Roosevelt has asked the cooperation of Governor O'Connor, as co-operation of Governors' conference, in furthering state planning programs during the emergency and readjustment period after the war.

Vigorous planning agencies, said the president, were needed at all levels of government. Specifically, the president requested in a letter that the Maryland governor call to the attention of other governors a report on "state planning," prepared by the National Resources Planning Board, a record of state legislation for conservation planning, zoning, etc.

May Help Governors Board announced it was being brought forward at this time in the hope that it might be helpful to governors and state legislatures. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

Gillette Calls For Elimination Of Many Agencies

Senate Leader Says "Hordes of Locusts Are Living Off People"

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 7 (AP)—Senator Guy M. Gillette of Iowa, last night made a sweeping denunciation of "unnecessary government agencies" and took issue inferentially with the administration's post-war aims.

Speaking with a bluntness that stunned 700 fellow Democrats as they digested a \$25 a plate Jackson Day dinner, Gillette declared "we have to clean house," during an arid arraignment of some war agencies.

"We can't do it," he asserted, "by refusing to admit our mistakes, without eliminating some of the hordes of locusts living off the people through agencies that aren't necessary."

The senior Iowa senator, who has frequently announced he will retire after his present term, said our nation must consider her own necessities before taking into her lap the burdens of the whole world.

"Charity should begin at home even though it should not stay there."

"Let us first set our own house in order," he urged, "and prepare first to recover powers and authorities belonging to the people which we have surrendered during the stress and need of war."

"I do not suggest that this can be done through national economic isolationism, but I do mean that after we have placed America first, not in point of time, but first in our planning and thinking, then there will be ample time to take up our obligations to the world in which our nation will have to live."

Turning to the farm situation, Gillette said "the thing that irritates me most in Congress" is the "entirely unjustified attack upon farmers in violation of the solemn enactment by Congress of an agreement to pay parity prices."

"Out of a clear sky," he said, "came a proposal to scrap that agreement and compel farmers to take less than parity."

"The farmers will accept parity, less than parity or any other livable condition necessary to public safety and welfare—along with any other group."

Murphy, MacMillan See British-American Accord in Africa

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 7 (AP)—Robert Murphy, United States minister, and Harold MacMillan, British resident minister, declared at a joint press conference today that there were no differences between them or their governments on political questions in North Africa.

Discussing delicate North African politics and negotiations between Generals Henri Giraud and Charles De Gaulle, Murphy declared that neither the United States State department nor the British foreign office had offered any objections to the appointment of Marcel Peyroux as governor-general of Algeria. The appointment has been widely criticized because of Peyroux's former attachment to the Vichy regime.

Nominations Announced for "Oscar" Awards to Motion Picture Stars

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 7 (AP)—Nominations for the most popular election in Hollywood—the annual "Oscar" awards made by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences—were disclosed tonight by President Walter Wanger.

Ten films, five actor and five actress performances, five supporting actor and actress performances, five directing jobs, fifteen writing achievements and numerous other efforts were presented for consideration to the 10,000 members of the industry who will start voting for their favorites Feb. 13.

Mrs. Miniver, a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, was the only one of the ten films selected as the outstanding of 1942 also to contain nominations for the best performance by an actor, best performance by an actress, best performance by actor and actress in a supporting role and for best achievement in directing.

Announcements March 4 Results of the voting will be announced at the fifteenth annual awards dinner March 4.

The nominations were made by members of the screen actors, directors and writers guilds. The principal nominations: For the outstanding motion picture of the year: "The Invaders," (British) Orbus Columbia. "Kings Row," Warner Bros. "The Magnificent Ambersons," Mercury, RKO Radio. "Mrs. Miniver," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. "The Pied Piper," Twentieth Century-Fox. "The Pride of the Yankees," Samuel Goldwyn, RKO Radio. "Random Harvest," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. "The Talk of the Town," Columbia. "Wake Island," Paramount. "Yankee Doodle Dandy," Warner Bros.

Best performance by an actor: James Cagney in "Yankee Doodle Dandy." Ronald Colman in "Random Harvest." Gary Cooper in "The (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

RAF MOSQUITO PLANES BOMB DIESEL WORKS



YOU'RE LOOKING DOWN on the Stork Engineering and Diesel Engine Works at Hengelo, Holland, as RAF Mosquito bombers drop their missiles during a daring daylight attack. At left center, one of the bombs falls toward the target. Smoke rolls skyward from the south end of the factory. (International)

Sixty Japanese Killed in Dutch New Guinea Drive

Heavy Bombers Attack Two Important Enemy Positions

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Monday, Feb. 8 (AP)—Sixty Japanese were killed yesterday in skirmishes in New Guinea, the Allied command announced today.

Allied heavy bombers swept over Dutch New Guinea and bombed and strafed the enemy-occupied towns of Kaukenau and Timika, while medium bomber units strafed and damaged two Jap loggers near Boeton and the Wangi Wangi islands in the Celebes.

Another heavy bomber unit came upon two troop-filled enemy barges in Riebeck bay, New Britain. They swooped down and machinegunned the craft, the noon communique said, "causing substantial casualties."

"Both barges were forced to the beach, one being set on fire," the communique said.

Heavy bombers also blasted the airbase at Cape Gloucester at the western tip of New Britain island.

The Lae airbase received another pasting and allied long-range fighters "thoroughly strafed the area, starting fires and damaging buildings," the communique continued.

Activity in the Wau-Mubo area was limited to intermittent skirmishes between patrols. In that area thirty-nine Japanese dead were counted, while in the Bakumburi district 21 enemy stragglers were killed.

ROMMEL'S AFRICAN FORCES FACE FINAL KNOCKOUT BLOW

By GORDON TAIT

LONDON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Allied forces in Tunisia harassed the Axis with short jabs by land and air in spite of continued bad weather today as the British Eighth army, closing in from the east, was reported readying itself to deliver a knockout blow against Marshal Erwin Rommel's African Corps.

Near Djebel Mansour, an important height twenty miles southwest of Pont Du Fahs which the Germans recaptured Friday after losing it in midweek, British troops dug in and checked a further German advance.

A German surprise attack of Kef El Ahras in Central Tunisia was repulsed, a communique from French headquarters broadcast by the Morocco radio, said.

There was great patrol activity in the Pichon-Oussella area, it added, and "an enemy patrol coming into contact with our elements east of Pichon was repulsed by grenades."

Weather Limits Activity

While the weather limited air activity to brief strafing sweeps, both British and American ground patrols continued small sorties all along the Western Tunisian front.

RAF Hurricane bombers, escorted by Spitfires, shot up a number of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

British Sell Food In North Africa

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 7 (AP)—The British Isles have sent 35,000 tons of foodstuffs and clothing to French North Africa for sale to the civilian population, the British resident minister in North Africa, Harold MacMillan, announced today.

Supplying the population's urgent need is a "fifty-fifty proposition," he said, adding that shipments from the United States would match those from the United Kingdom.

"Tea, coffee and 200,000 jars of pork are among the goods which already have arrived in North Africa," MacMillan said. In addition, 200,000 tons of coal were brought to North Africa for both military and civilian use.

Churchill Back In London with Victory Reports

Prime Minister Pleased with Results of His 10,000 Mile Trip

LONDON, Feb. 7 (AP)—In high spirits and glowing with health, Winston Churchill returned triumphantly today from his 10,000-mile air tour of North Africa and the Middle East and drove directly to No. 10 Downing street to prepare his report to the nation on his conference with President Roosevelt at Casablanca and with President Ismet Inonu at Adana.

Wearing the slate gray uniform of an air commodore, the prime minister stepped jauntily from his special train at Paddington station to be greeted by Mrs. Churchill, practically the entire British official family and the diplomatic corps, including the Turkish ambassador, Hussein Rauf Orbay.

Uses American Plane Churchill landed at an English airport earlier in the day in an (Continued on Page 2, Col. 9)

Sale Prohibited Today, but Will Resume Tomorrow

Three Pairs a Year of Leather Footwear for Each Person

Each Family May Pool Coupons To Provide for Others

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—The government suddenly put shoes under rationing today. Sales are prohibited tomorrow; the rationing starts Tuesday.

The ration is three pairs a year of every man, woman and child, but members of a family may pool their coupons so that some may buy more if others buy less.

The rationing covers all shoes containing any leather and all rubber-soled shoes, but not slippers, soft-soled baby shoes or storm wear such as rubbers and arctics. Shoe repair work and second-hand shoes are not rationed.

At the same time announcement was made that manufacturers will be ordered to stop making evening slippers, men's patent-leather shoes, two-tone shoes and many types of special sports wear in order to make the best use of the leather supply.

No Advance Warning

In contrast to advance publicity on previous rationing undertakings, the shoe order was promulgated from the White House without advance warning either to the public or businessmen; at 2:30 p. m., Eastern war time, today and went into effect a half hour later.

When rationed sales start Tuesday, the No. 17 stamp of sugar-coffee ration books will be used. Every such stamp will be good for one pair of shoes until June 15 when a new stamp will be designated.

Officials said that the nation still has a large stock of shoes and rationing was instituted to prevent hoarding and to provide as liberal a ration as possible.

In New York, Harold W. Volk, Dallas, Texas, president of the National Shoe Retailers' Association, said in an interview that rationing of footwear was necessary because of the heaviest civilian buying in history, coupled with, demands of the various branches of the service.

See No Hardships He predicted there would be no hardship, since a survey for the past five years showed that the per capita shoe purchases in this country were 3.7 pairs per year. He advised, however, that averages do not hold good everywhere and that (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Girls Discuss Soldier Dancers

Two Hostesses Can Tell Troops Where They Grew Up

SEATTLE, Feb. 6 (AP)—About three steps on the dance floor, and Barbara Johnson and Eleanor Robinson can tell where their soldier dance partners hail from, without even hearing them speak.

As junior volunteer hostesses, each is credited with more than 1,000 hours of dancing with service men at Fort Lewis and Lawton, McChord field, the Seattle service men's club, the Georgetown hut, the Y.M.C.A. and places like that.

Here's the way Eleanor and Barbara rate soldier dance partners: Midwesterners—"The slow fox-trot type."

Chicagans—"they can do anything and do it swell."

Arkansans—"They dance the same steps to all music. Only they're not (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Americans Outflank Japanese Force And Hold New Sector on Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—United States forces have outflanked the Japanese on Guadalcanal island, the navy announced today, to establish a strong new position about five miles west of the enemy command center at Cape Esperance.

The operation, apparently carried out without Japanese resistance, was assumed here to have involved a forty to fifty-mile overland sweep around the enemy-held portion of the northwestern hump of the island.

Navy communique No. 274 said: "South Pacific: (All dates are east longitude).

"1. On February 6: (A) During the morning, small groups of United States planes bombed enemy positions on Kolombangara island in the New Georgia group. (B) During the evening, dauntless dive bombers (Douglas) with Wildcat (Grumman F4F) escort bombed Munda on New Georgia island. All United States planes returned. (C) United States forces have established a strong position at THL, one-half mile west of Marovovo on the northwestern coast of Guadalcanal island. Patrol operations are progressing satisfactorily."